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Communicable Disease Report October 13, 2008

Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report October 1-7, 2008

Reportable :

6 Chlamydia
5 Dog Bites
2 Hepatitis C
1 Giardia
1 Chickenpox
1 Cat Bite
1 Crpytosporidiosis
1 Campylobacter

Non- Reportable :

23 Streptococcus
2 Mononucleosis

Montana Communicable Disease Update: 10/10/08 Summary – Week 39 & 40 – Disease reports received at DPHHS during the reporting period September 21 – October 4, 2008 included campylobacter, *E. coli* 0157, giardia, salmonella, norovirus and varicella. Hill, Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Chouteau, and Cascade Counties are reporting norovirus activity in the community, affecting hospitals and long term care facilities in some jurisdictions.

Influenza Season – It's influenza season again! In order to confirm the presence of influenza in the community during the first part of the season, it is important to submit rapid test positive specimens to the Montana Public Health Laboratory for confirmation by PCR. This confirmatory testing is provided at NO COST until two specimens have been confirmed as positive in each jurisdiction. NO cases of influenza have been reported to date in Montana. Sporadic activity is being reported in CA, ID and WY.

Rabies Vaccine Availability - Good news! Effective immediately, RabAvert (Novartis) rabies vaccine is once again available for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) on a per patient ordering basis. NO PASSWORD is currently required to place an order for RabAvert; however, providers should follow the current ACIP recommendations for rabies PEP and consult with local health officials. Imovax (Sanofi Pasteur) is still available for post-exposure prophylaxis only on a per patient ordering basis with a password.